

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A playback apparatus that is used for receiving and continuously playing back a plurality of video sources delivered via a network. Video sources V_m continuously played back in content and the display time of the video sources V_m are extracted from playback information described in a playback scenario read into a scenario management section via the network. The video sources V_m are rearranged in order of display time. The distribution of the video sources V_m among a plurality of decoder modules D_n , a playback schedule, and a schedule of switching a changeover switch are determined. By doing so, the plurality of video sources V_m are continuously played back.